

## REPORT ON THE WCHELIG PRE-COLLOQUIUM WORKSHOP AND COLLOQUIUM ON 14-15 JUNE 2005

A two-day WCHELIG Winter Workshop and Colloquium was held at the Bellville Campus of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT).

The full day workshop on 14 June 2005, *Getting published*, was attended by 22 members. The panel addressed different aspects of getting published. Although research is often seen as a field only for academics and dedicated researchers, librarians in the higher education sector are often involved in research, sometimes even unwittingly and unknowingly. To study the literature and to use what has already been researched, form a major part of research. A great gap is therefore left in the field if nothing is published about the work and the research that librarians do.

Amanda Barratt started with the topic *Why should I publish?* and as a published author she also spoke about personal experiences in this regard.

Eve Gray who added value to Liz van Aswegen's presentation and handout material, covered two sessions:

- *Topics for writing*: How to select a topic; feedback on whether it is publishable; what types of paper are acceptable to whom; where to start; how to start; working with others – co-publishing and co-writing
- *Writing*: pitfalls to avoid; writing the paper; research writing support

George Fredericks and Yusef Waghid, both editors of South African journals, facilitated group discussions on publishers' style; editing; submitting a paper; making corrections; the publishing process and how it affects the writer.

The afternoon sessions concluded with other ways of "being published". Naomi Haasbroek spoke about posters and presentations at conferences and Jennifer de Beer on online journals and other forms of electronic publishing, including repositories.

The attendance and brief addresses of deputy vice chancellor of CPUT, Ms Vuyisa Tanga and LIASA president, Mr. Tommy Matthee, graced the social event that followed the workshop. We thank SABINET for sponsoring the social.

The WCHELIG Winter Colloquium held the following day, 15 June 2005, provided an opportunity for practicing librarians to reflect on their practice and celebrate the successes in the electronic age. A total of 48 attended including presenters, session chairs and special guests. We received congratulations on the quality and relevance of the Colloquium from the first President of LIASA, Ms Ellen Tise, and the Western Cape Branch chair, Naomi Haasbroek. We are grateful to Naomi Haasbroek for opening the Colloquium.

Adriaan Coetzee delivered the keynote address and set the scene with his very informative talk. He reflected on what at the very basic level binds us as higher education librarians together and creates the agenda for our future successes. He ended his address in a positive note, saying that, with all the challenges that we face, we are at the *right place at the right time*.

Ryan Sadeck's paper dealt with the digitisation and curatorship at the Robben Island Museum. He said that cultural and heritage institutions are becoming increasingly aware of how vital the Internet is in the 21st century for reaching and engaging today's audiences. However, to fully benefit from the medium's promise, organisations must be capable of offering rich content such as high-quality digital images, which have also proven to be tremendously useful in the management of collections and in exploring commercial markets to foster museum intellectual property. In the same vein the topic of the next paper was capturing theses and dissertations in an electronic form. Wynand van der Walt illustrated what the ETD (Electronic Theses and Dissertations) system entails and outlined the project as well as the expected outcomes as per the UWC experience.

During 2004 the UWC Library purchased and subscribed to various electronic book resources. With her paper Renee Reagon focused on the library's methodology of selecting specific resources (netLibrary, Gale, STAT!Ref and Oxford Scholarship Online) and how these were incorporated into the collection.

Caroline Dean's paper was on the merits of the various ways in which libraries can provide access to their electronic journals. Institutions have access to thousands of electronic journals both as individual subscriptions and through aggregator databases. Many of these institutions have progressed from providing access to these titles via a home-grown list on their library website to compiling this list using products such as SerialsSolutions and EBSCO A to Z.

The implementation of QuestionPoint as an e-referencing tool at the Stellenbosch University Library Service was discussed by Ingrid van der Westhuizen (in collaboration with Delene Pretorius) and the following was highlighted: some benefits and spin-offs of e-referencing, the administration and workflow, the standard for answers, the QP KnowledgeBase records, reports and statistics and the marketing of this product.

The day's varied papers ended with a lively presentation by Ingrid Thomson on Weblogs. This paper explores blogs, what they are, and how useful they are (or aren't), and how we as librarians can use blogs as sources of current information or to create our own.

Delegates were encouraged to have a look at the two posters during tea break and lunch time. Traditionally, library instruction had little or no bearing on students' specific subjects (generic training). Marilyn Smith's poster addresses the collaboration between academic staff and librarians in a meaningful way by posting relevant instructional material on the different course management software programs used by the faculties.

The poster by Lucia Schoombée and Marié Roux from the Planning and Marketing Department of the Stellenbosch University Library Service proposed a cyclic model of marketing library services that incorporated the objectives and goals of the institution. The marketing tools used are applied in correspondence with strategic importance and colourful examples were displayed on the poster. The feedback (assessment) provides input for further strategic planning.

Feedback on the colloquium and workshop was very positive and everyone was in favour of having another colloquium next year.